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FAT EMULSION OF PROSTAGLANDIN 127.

A fat emulsion containing a prostaglandin l2 represented by the formula (I) wherein X represents an oxygen atom or a methine group, Y represents a carbon atom, and Z represents a methylene or methine group provided that, when X represents an oxygen atom, the Y-Z bond is a carbon-to-carbon double bond and, when X represents a methine group, the X-Y bond is a carbon-to-carbon double bond and Z represents a methylene group; R1 represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, R2 represents a hydrogen or fluorine atom, R3 represents a hydrogen atom, or a methyl, ethyl or vinyl group, R4 represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group containing t to t0 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group containing 2 to t0 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkynyl group containing 2 to 10 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group containing 3 to 8 carbon atoms, and n represents 0 or 1.

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Specification

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Technical Field

This invention relates to fat emulsions containing the prostaglandin I2's.

More particularly, it relates to new fat emulsions containing, as an active ingredient, the prostaglandin I₂'s which are not only thrombolytic but are useful in the treatment of cardiovascularrenal system disorders as well.

Background of the Invention

The prostaglandins exibit a wide range of physiological activities and have been finding 20 widespread medicinal applications because of their diverse and useful biological actions such as peripheral circulatory improvement, vasodilation, antiulceration, hypotensive, induction of labor, thrombolytic, and antiasthmatic. In recent 25 years, these compounds have been studied for possible new indications such as anticancer, osteometabolism improvement, antiviral, hepatic protection, diuresis. In particular, the naturally 30 occurring prostacyclin is a local hormone predominantly produced in vivo from the vascular wall of arteries; owing to its potent physiological effects such as platelet agglutination inhibitory activity and vasodilating activity, this local 35 hormone is an important factor which regulates

in vivo cellular functions, and hence an attempt has been made to use the naturally occurring prostacyclin per se as a pharmaceutical product [P. J. Lewis, J. O. Grady et al., Clinical prostacyclin, Raven Press, N.Y. (1981)].

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On the other hand, however, when these useful prostaglandins are applied as pharmaceutical products, various problems are encountered with respect to the in vivo instability inherent in the prostaglandins, side effects attributable to a wide range of their physiological effects, and the difficulties of formulations due to their chemical instability.

Thus, intensive studies have been carried out at home and abroad with regard to chemically stable synthetic prostacyclin derivatives comparable to naturally occurring prostacyclin in terms of biological actions.

Meanwhile, attempts have been made to stabilize chemically unstable prostacyclin in dosage form as well as to improve its drug ... efficacy. For example, propositions have been put forth regarding a method of stabilizing the prostacyclin as the clathrate compound using cyclodextrin (Joseph Scesitri et al., Japan Laid-Open Patent Showa 54-56685), a method of stabilizing the prostacyclin with surface active agents (Moo Yang Chou et al., Japan Laid-Open Patent Showa 55-15470), a pharmaceutical preparation by first obtaining a new ester derivative of prostacyclin with the higher fat solubility, emulsifying this ester derivative in a fat, and maintaining its activity comparable to that of the parent prostacyclin (Fukaya et al.,

Japan Laid-Open Patent Showa 60-13779), and so forth.

The fat emulsions containing PGE₁ or PGA₁ have recently been proposed as the stabilized prostaglandin fat preparations which possess vasodilating, platelet agglutination inhibitory, and hypotensive activities [Mizushima et al., Japan Laid-Open Patent Showa 58-222014 and Japan Laid-Open Patent Showa 59-141518; and Mizushima et al., Ann. Rheum. Diseases, 41, 263 (1982); Pharm. Pharmacol., 35, 398 (1983)]. Such techniques are applied to the preparation of the anti-tumor agents; a proposal has been set forth with respect to the improvement of selective delivery of anticancer drugs to the target organ (Okamoto et al., Japan Laid-Open Patent Showa 59-122423).

Disclosure of the Invention

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The inventors noticed the aforementioned facts and made intensive studies on some of the chemically stable synthetic prostaglandin I_2 's in order to prolong their effects and enhance their clinical efficacy. As a consequence, we prepared said fat emulsion containing the stable prostaglandin I_2 's, and discovered that the said preparations have attained these objects. The inventors, therefore, arrived at the present invention.

This invention, therefore, concerns the fat emulsions containing the prostaglandin I_2 's expressed by the following formula (I):

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where X represents an oxygen atom or a methine group, Y is a carbon atom, Z represents a methylene or methine group; when X is an oxygen atom, the mode of Y-Z binding is a double bond of carbon-carbon; and when X is a methine group, the mode of X-Y binding is a double bond of carbon-carbon and Z is a methylene group; R₁ represents a hydrogen atom or alkyl group, R₂ represents a hydrogen atom or fluorine atom, and R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, methyl group, ethyl group or vinyl group. R₄ represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1 - 10 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group with 2 - 10 carbons atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkynyl group with 2 - 10 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group with 3 - 8 carbon atoms; and n is zero (0) or an integer of value 1.

The fat emulsions in the invention are new fat emulsions containing chemically stable prostaglandin I2's; such fat emulsions possess longer duration of action, improve the stability of the prostaglandin I2's, reduce manifestation of side effects, exhibit, at the same time, potent pharmacological effects, and are useful as the preparations for use in intravenous administration.

Most of the prostaglandin I_2 's in the aforementioned formula (I) are the compounds known to be stabilized prostaglandin I_2 's (Japan Laid-Open Patent Showa 58-150583, and Japan Laid-Open Patent Showa 57-32981).

In the aforementioned formula (I), X represents an oxygen atom or a methine group, Y is a carbon atom, Z represents a methylene or methine group; when X is an oxygen atom, the mode of Y-Z binding is a double bond of carbon-carbon, and when X is a methine group, the mode of X-Y binding is a double bond of carbon-carbon and Z is a methylene group. From these definitions, it is preferable in the present invention that the active ingredient is the isocarbacyclins expressed by the forllowing formula (Ia):

(where R₁, R₃, R₄, and n are defined as above; R₂₁ represents a hydrogen atom); or that the active ingredient is the 7-fluoroprostacyclins expressed by the following formula (Ib):

$$R^{22}$$
 $COOR^{1}$
 $COOR^{1}$
 R^{3}
 $COOR^{1}$
 $COOR^{1}$
 R^{3}
 $COOR^{1}$
 R^{3}

(where R_1 , R_3 , R_4 , and n are defined as above; R_{22} represents a hydrogen atom).

In the aforementioned formula (1), R₁ is a hydrogen atom or alkyl group. The said alkyl group may be an alkyl group with 1 - 10 carbon atoms such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl, octyl, and decyl group. The R₁ is preferably a hydrogen atom or methyl group.

R₄ represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1 - 10 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group with 2 - 10 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkynyl group with 2 - 10 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group with 3 - 10 carbon atoms. The unsubstituted alkyl group with 1 - 10 carbon atoms may, for example, be a methyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, hexyl, octyl, decyl group, etc. The unsubstituted alkenyl group with 2 - 10 carbon atoms may, for example, be a vinyl, 2-propenyl, 3-butenyl,

2-pentenyl, 2-methyl-3-pentenyl, 2-hexenyl, 5-methyl-4-hexenyl, 2,6-dimethyl-5-heptenyl group, etc. The unsubstituted alkynyl group with 2 - 10 carbon atoms may, for example, be a 2-butynyl, 3-butynyl, 1-methyl-2-pentynyl, 1-methyl-3-pentynyl, 2-hexynyl, 4-hexynyl group, The unsubstituted cycloalkyl group with 3 - 8 carbon atoms may, for example, be a cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl group, etc.

The substituent of these alkyl, alkenyl, 10 alkynyl, and cycloalkyl groups may be such halogen atoms as fluorine and chlorine; such lower alkoxy groups as methoxy, ethoxy, propoxy, and butoxy group; a halogenoalkyl group such as trifluoromethyl; a substituted or unsub-15 stituted phenoxy group which has been substituted or unsubstituted with a halogen atom or a lower alkoxy group; etc.

The prostaglandin I_2 's in formula (1) may be prepared, for example, according to the 20 methods described in Japan Laid-Open Patent Showa 58-150583 and Japan Laid-Open Patent Showa 57-32981.

> The stable prostaglandin I,'s shown in the aforementioned formula (1) are specifically listed as follows:

- Isocarbacyclin
- (2) 16,17,18,19,20-Pentanor-15-cyclopentylisocarbacyclin
- 30 16,17,18,19,20-Pentanor-15-cyclohexylisocarbacyclin
 - (4) 17,20-Dimethylisocarbacyclin
 - 15-Deoxy-16-hydroxyisocarbacyclin
- 15-Deoxy-16-hydroxy-17,20-dimethyl-(6)
- 35 isocarbacyclin

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- (7) 7-Fluoroprostacyclin
- (8) 7-Fluoro-16,17,18,19,20-pentanor-15-cyclopentylprostacyclin
- (9) 7-Fluoro-16,17,18,19,20-pentanor-15-cyclohexylprostacyclin
 - (10) 7-Fluoro-17,20-dimethylprostacyclin
 - (11) 7-Fluoro-16,16-dimethylprostacyclin
 - (12) 7,16-Difluoroprostacyclin
 - (13) 15-Deoxy-16-hydroxy-7-fluoroprostacyclin
- (14) 15-Deoxy-16-hydroxy-7,16-difluoro-prostacyclin
 - (15) The methyl esters of (1) (14)

The fat emulsions in the invention comprises, as main constituents, the prostaglandin I_2 's in formula (I), 5 - 50 w/v % of vegetable oil, 1 - 50 parts, preferably 5 - 30 parts, of phospholipid for 100 parts of the vegitable oil, and an appropriate quantity of water.

The vegetable oil may be soybean oil, cotton seed oil, sesami oil, safflor oil, and corn oil, but preferably soybean oil.

The soybean oil of choice is a refined soybean oil with high purity. Preferably, it is the highly purified, refined soybean oil obtained by further purifying common refined soybean oil by, for example, steam distillation.

The phospholipid is a purified phospholipid such as egg yolk lecithin and soybean lecithin. The phospholipid may be used which has been prepared by fractionation using an organic solvent according to a conventional method, that is, by slowly adding, with stirring, acetone to a crude yolk phospholipid dissolved in a cold n-hexane-acetone mixture, collecting insolubles by filtration, repeating the procedure

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of dissolution, followed by precipitation, and finally removing the solvent by distillation. The product comprises, as main constituents, phosphatidylcholine and phosphatidylethanolamine. The other phospholipids may be phosphatidylinositol, phosphatidylserine, sphingomyelin, etc.

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To the fat emulsions in the invention may, where necessary, be further added an emulsifying adjuvant, stabilizer, high molecular substance, isotonizing agent, etc.

The emulsifying adjuvant may, for example, be up to 0.3 w/v % of fatty acids with 6 - 22, preferably 12 - 20, carbon atoms or their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and so on. Either of the fatty acids with 6 - 22 carbon atoms may be used if they can be added to pharmaceutical products. Such fatty acids are either of the straight or of the branched chain; they are preferably stearic, oleic, linolic, palmitic, linolenic, and myristic acids. These salts may be salts with alkali metals such as sodium and potassium, with alkaline earth metals such as calcium, and so on.

The stabilizing agent may, for example, be less than 0.5 w/v %, preferably less than 0.1 w/v %, of the cholesterols, less than 5 w/v %, preferably less than 1 w/v %, of phosphatidic acids, and so forth.

The high molecular substances may, for example, be 0.1 - 5 parts by weight, preferably 0.5 - 1 part by weight, of albumin, dextran, vinyl polymers, nonionic surface active agents, gelatin, hydroxyethyl starch, etc. for 1 part by weight of the prostaglandin I2's.

The albumin may preferably be of human

origin, and the vinyl polymers may be polyvinylpyrrolidone, etc. The nonionic surface active
agents may, for example, be polyalkylene glycols,
polyoxyalkylene copolymers, the polyoxyalkylene
derivatives of hardened castor oil, the polyoxyalkylene derivatives of castor oil, etc.

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The content of the prostaglandin I2's in the fat emulsions may be suitably increased or decreased according to the form of the emulsions and applications; in general, minute quantities, for example, 1.0 mg - 0.2 µg/ml in the fat emulsions are sufficient.

The fat emulsions in the present invention are prepared, for example, in the following manner: Predetermined amounts of vegetable oil, phospholipid, the prostaglandin I2's, and other additives are mixed and the mixture is warmed to a solution. The solution is homogenized by, for example, the use of a homogenizer of the high-pressure jet type, an ultrasonic homogenizer, etc. The homogenate is further homogenized following the addition of a necessary amount of water in order to prepare the fat emulsions in the invention. Under preparatory conditions, the additives such as a stabilizer and isotonizing agent may be added after the fat emulsions have been formed.

The fat emulsions may be administered parenterally such as by injection, most preferably intravenously. For instance, the prostaglandin I_2 's are administered intravenously by continuous infusion once a day in dose levels of $0.01 - 0.1 \, \mu g/kg$, or $0.01-0.1 \, ng/kg/min$. The fat emulsions in the present invention possess very potent effects, are long-acting by sustained release and selective for lesions; therefore,

administration of small doses enables effective treatment.

Since intravenous administration is possible, rapid onset of action can be anticipated, drug efficacy is consistent, and since doses are small, there is less manifestation of side effects.

Furthermore, the particles are extremely minute, and the average size of them is less than 1.0 μ . The safety (stability) during storage is very good.

Best Manner to Implement the Invention

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Using the following Examples, the best methodologies to embody the present invention are described below:

Example 1

20 <u>Preparation of a fat emulsion containing iso-</u> carbacyclin (compound I)

To 10 g of a refined soybean oil were added 1.2 g of egg yolk lecithin and 1000 µg of iso-carbacyclin. The mixture was heated at 60 - 80°C to a solution. To this solution were added 50 ml of distilled water and then 2.5 g of glycerol. Distilled water for injection was added to make the solution to 100 ml. The solution was roughly emulsified in a homomixer.

Using a Manton-Gaulin homogenizer, the crude emulsion was then further emulsified by passing 10 times through the instrument under a first-stage pressure of 120 kg/cm² and a total pressure of 500 kg/cm². There was obtained a homogenized, finely dispersed, 10 % soybean oil-containing fat

emulsion which contained isocarbacyclin (compound I) in a final concentration of 10 $\mu g/ml$.

Example 2

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Preparation of the fat emulsions, each of which contained 16,17,18,19,20-pentanor-15-pentyliso-carbacyclin (compound II), 7-fluoro-16,17,18,19,20-pentanor-15-cyclopentylprostacyclin methylester (compound III), and isocarbacyclin methylester (compound IV), respectively

Using compounds II, III, and IV, the 10% soybean oil-containing fat emulsions were prepared in the same manner as in Example 1, each of which contained the above-mentioned compound respectively, in a final concentration of 5 μ g/ml, 5 μ g/ml, and 10 μ g/ml, respectively.

Examples 5 - 16

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Evaluation of drug activities using human platelets

The time course of the formation of cyclic AMP by the fat emulsion in the invention was determined using human platelets so as to compare with the time course of the compound which was not emulsified in fat. Human blood 50 ml was collected using 1 part of 3.8 % sodium citrate for 9 parts of blood. The blood sample was centrifuged at 1300 rpm for 10 minutes. The upper layer was taken out as PRP (platelet-rich plasma) and centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 20 minutes. The precipitate thus obtained (platelets) was suspended in 2 ml of Tris buffered solution-saline-glucose-EDTA (TSG-EDTA) (pH 7.4).

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The fat emulsion, which had previously been

transferred in a plastic tube containing 350 μ l of TSG-EDTA and 50 μ l of platelet suspension and incubated at 37°C, was supplemented with 50 μ l of 5mM isobutylmethylxanthin dissolved in saline, and 2 minutes later, reactions were stopped with 0.5 ml of 10% trichloroacetic acid (TCA). The cells were destroyed by thawing the lyophilized specimen in order to release intracellular cyclic AMP. After removal of TCA with watersaturated ether, the content of C-AMP was determined by radio immunoassay technique.

The results are summarized in Table 1. As is clear from these results, it was demonstrated that the production capability of C-AMP by the fat emulsion was satisfactorily maintained over time.

Table 1. Production capability and maintenance of cyclic AMP by fat emulsions

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Examples	Compounds		Time (min.)	C-AMP production (pico mol)	Relative value (%)
Example 5	Fat emulsion	(I)	0	80	100
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Comparison	• .				
1	Compound	(I)	0	320	100
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	Comparis						
	:	4	Compound	(II)	10	430	100
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	# "	6	•		60	120	27
	Example	11	Fat emulsion	(III)	30	55	100
	•	12	•	#	60	30	55
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		7	Compound	(III)	30	100	100
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	Example	14	Fat emulsion	(IV)	30	40	100
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Example 17

Determination of platelet agglutination inhibitory action

Fifty (50) µl of the fat emulsion obtained in Examples 1 and 2 was transferred into 950 µl of saline or 2 % bovine serum albumin (BSA) and incubated at 37°C for 1, 3, and 10 minutes. Next, the ADP platelet agglutination inhibitory action by PRP was determined using the filtrate which had been passed through a 0.025 µm filter. A known quantity of the dilution before filtration was added to PRP and incubated at 37°C for 1 minute. Thereafter, ADP agglutination was induced to construct a dose-response curve. The platelet agglutination inhibitory action was calculated from this curve. The results are presented in Table 2.

Table 2. Platelet agglutination inhibitory action

Conditions		Platelet agglutination inhibitory action (%)			
Dilutions	Incubation time (min.)	Fat elulsion (IV)	Compound (IV)	Fat emulsion (I)	Compound (I)
2 & BSA	1	13.7	65.4	87.5	100.1
	3	23.1	NT	83.5	NT
	10	27.1	56.2	90.6	107.7
Saline	10	-	-	14.1	41.1

As indicated in Table 2, in the fat emulsions in the present invention, the active ingredient of the prostaglandin I₂'s is gradually released, and thus these dosage forms provide a sustained-release delivery.

Potential applications in industry

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The fat emulsions containing the prostaglandin

I2's in the present invention possess potent effects, provide a sustained-release delivery, and are selective for lesions. Therefore, they can provide effective therapy in small doses and are extremely useful in the treatment of various kinds of cardiovascular diseases such as thrombotic diseases.

Claims

1. The fat emulsions containing the prostaglandin 1,'s expressed by the following formula (I):

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 $COOR^1$
 $X-Y$
 R^2
 $COOR^1$
 R^3
 R^4
 CH_2
 R^4
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where X represents an oxygen atom or a methine group, Y is a carbon atom, Z represents a methylene or methine group; when X is an oxygen atom, the mode of Y-Z binding is a double bond of carboncarbon, and when X is a methine group, the mode of X-Y binding is a double bond of carbon-carbon and Z is a methylene group; R1 represents a hydrogen atom or alkyl group, R2 represents a hydrogen atom or fluorine atom, and R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, methyl group, ethyl group or vinyl group. R₄ represents a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group with 1 - 10 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkenyl group with 2 - 10 carbon atoms, a substituted or unsubstituted alkynyl group with 2 - 10 carbon atoms, or a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group with 3 - 8 carbon atoms; and n is zero (0) or an integer of value 1.

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2. The fat emulsions containing the prostaglandin \mathbf{I}_2 's described in Claim 1 wherein the prostaglandin

- I₂'s expressed by formula (I) are the isocarbacyclins or their alkyl esters.
- The fat emulsions containing the prostaglandin
 I₂'s described in Claim 1 wherein the prostaglandin
 I₂'s expressed by formula (I) are the 7-fluoro-prostacyclins or their alkyl esters.

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